1st January A SAYING OF MARSTON

Mr John Marston these holidays danced with Alderman More's wife's daughter, a Spaniard born, uhea he fel: ^0 a strange commendation of her wit and beauty When he hai done, she thought to pay him home, and told him she thought he was a poet ᶜ Tis true,' said he,ᶜ for poets fain and he anc so did I when I commended your beauty, for you are exceeding foul[3]

2nd January THE GREAT LOSSES AT KIN SALE

News from Ireland showeth that the Irish rebels were within two miles of the Lord Deputy's army and have cut him off from Cork, keeping them away from their victuals and the vrv andiers that follow the army The state of the army is very weak The 6,000 men lately come from England are consumed, so that 10 or 12 able men in a company is the ordinary proportion, and 30 or 40 sick, unable to do any duty is seen in e\ery company, and of these few recover The Spaniards on their parts endure infinite miseries, grown weak and faint with their spare diet, being no other than water and rusk , dogs, cats and garrons is a feast when they can get it

yd January A DESPERATE ATTEMPT ON OSTEND

The Archduke being deluded by the late parley and very angry with the chiefs of his council of war that diverted him from giving the assault upon that day when the parley was called for, took resolution to revenge himself on 28th December Tdl that day the enemy had shot upon the town 163,200 cannon shot, scarce leaving a whole house standing, but now upon 28th

December very early in the morning he began with 18 pieces of cannon and half cannon carrying bullets of 4.0 and 48 Ibs apiece, and that day shot above 2,200 cannot shot. During this furious battery the enemy all the day made great preparations to assault during the night, bringing down scaling ladders, great store of ammunition, hand-grenados and other material of war